

CLAIMS

1. A network entity for operating in a communications channel between a first end point and a second end point in a packet based communications network, the first end point having available a first set of communication features and the second end point having available a second set of communication features, including at least one communication feature unavailable to the first end point, the network entity comprising means for acting as a client application for the first end point and as a server application for the second end point and arranged to exchange signalling information with the end points to enable the second end point to utilise the at least one communication feature during communications with the first end point.
2. A network entity according to claim 1 comprising call routing means for addressing signalling information that is exchanged between the entity and the end points or the entity and the network.
3. A network entity according to claim 2 comprising payload routing means for addressing payload data received at the entity for routing to one or other of the end points.

4. A network entity according to any preceding claim  
wherein the entity is a Session Initiation Protocol  
Entity.